

FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



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For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

(Romans 15:4)

Dear FBCH Family -

2020 is in the rearview mirror. 2021 is here...and it's already February! We have experienced a time of suffering and chaos, and even though it continues in many ways, we have endured and shown that we can persevere. We have seen God walk alongside us, so we know He is with us and lifts us up. Not only that, He fights for us, just as He has always fought for His people throughout history!

We have reason for hope!

Uncertainty, change, and instability still characterize these times, but our experiences with God, His track record of fulfilling His promises in Scripture, and our assurance of eternal life in Jesus Christ all give us reason to have joy and remain hopeful. We should also have hope knowing that we do not find ourselves living at this time by accident — God made us specifically for the time we live in, and He has prepared good works for us. We have hope because we have work to do, meaningful work, work that will make a difference in the hearts and lives of others, work for the kingdom that will bring glory to God! I can't wait to see what He does through us!

Our current **Bible Study in 1 Peter** is speaking to us about living victoriously in a hostile world, and it is proving to be a very relevant word for us. I encourage you to take part in these studies online if you aren't already doing so. At the same time, we are learning about the reality and strategy of **Spiritual Warfare** in our **Worship Service** series, and I encourage you to engage with those sermon messages, too, as we seek to not only resist the forces of evil, but to fight back with the weapons and power God has provided. Not only will acknowledging the battle and resisting it lead to the abundant life promised by the Lord, but it is the first step toward taking the battle back to the enemy. We lift the banner of our Lord high – His victory is assured, and we are blessed to join Him in the fight. We have hope because we serve the everlasting God, and there is none like Him!

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness and generosity, and thank you for your flexibility! God is opening some exciting doors for us, and we look forward to walking through them in His time. We are continuing to re-open services as the need returns and safety allows, and we remain steadfast that spiritual and emotional health must be considered right alongside physical health when it comes to evaluating decisions and plans. Part of freedom is allowing you to make responsible, prayerful decisions based on your own unique situation, and I pray constantly for God's loving arms to be wrapped around you however your walk looks right now. I pray that His Word guides your path, and His love directs your footsteps.

Gripped by grace,

Pastor Ryan

CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

Budget working on transitional items with Bobbitt Accounting.

God's Handy Helpers split wood for individual.

Personnel worship leader search continues.

WMU collecting food.

Shoebox seeking donations and shoe boxes.

Prayer being held from 9-9:30 am each Sunday. Everyone is invited to participate.

Sunday School started in-person classes in fellowship hall from 9:30-10:15 am.

AV work continues to complete AV upgrades and software installs for online services and SS recordings.

Carroll County High School Football teams have been invited for a meal in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 25, and Friday, April 2. There will be a different team each date. FBCH will provide a meal. Please contact our church office (office@fbchillsville.org) or a Kitchen Committee member if you are able to help cook and serve for these dates.







Food Items for the Food Pantry in February

Food Pantry items needed:



Feb. 7 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mix

Feb. 14 - Soups & crackers

Feb. 21 - Canned meats & Canned fruits

Feb. 28 - Cereals

Drop off items at the church in our outside Drive-by Food Pantry donation tote. It will be on the porch steps during weekly office hours (9am to 3pm) for your convenience.



No items are needed at this time for our Backpack ministry in January. We will let you know when collection is needed again.

Thank you.





NURSING HOME RESIDENTS



LEONA LAYHER
Ridgecrest Assisted Living
2302 Ridgecrest Lane
Mt Airy, NC 27030

SHUT-INS

Wayne & Norene Sowers

Doris Childs

Laura Melton

Zelma Goad

Glenda Yonce

Joe Mina

Mindy Cox

Glenna Blevins

Nina Goad

Kyle Nester

Joyce Bowman

Samaritan's Purse

February - Washcloths



DO NOT INCLUDE items that are:

Used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures) glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

Contact Judy with any questions.

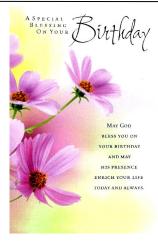


February

28 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	21 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee meet	7 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service		Sun
	22 7pm Deacons' meeting	15 Ipm Joanna Mission (canceled)	8 4:15pm Annie Armstrong (canceled)	1	Mon
	23 3pm Budget meeting	16 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee	9	2	Tue
	24 7pm Business meeting	17 7pm Bible Study (on-line only)	10 7pm Bible Study (on-line only)	3 7pm Bible Study (on-line only)	Wed
	25	18 7pm Church Council meet	11	4	Thu
	26	19	12	S	Fri
	27 9am God's Handy Helpers	20	13	6 9am God's Handy Helpers	Sat

Gifts in Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY	<u>FUND</u>
SUSAN M. MARKHAM	ED & SUSAN NAFF	GAZEBO
SUSAN M. MARKHAM	MICHAEL & LAURA SMITH	GAZEBO
BETTY PADGETT	SUE EDWARDS	BUDGET
REV. HARVEY CARICO	SUE EDWARDS	BUDGET
RON ADAMS	TOM & ALENE TABOR	BUDGET
MARGARET GOAD	TOM & ALENE TABOR	BUDGET
BETTY PADGETT	TOM & ALENE TABOR	BUDGET



February Birthdays

1	Tonyia Gibson	14	Pat Sharp
5	Joe Mina	14	Neal Marshall
6	JoAnn Hall	14	Danielle Ogle
10	Donna Kaye McIver	14	Kaysi Carver
10	Elizabeth Yon	17	Greg Gibson
11	Richard Clary	18	Jim Bazzle
12	Wesley Yonce	20	Betty Williams
13	Danny Webb	20	Connie Mina
13	3 Calliana Everhart		Linda Fariss

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE					
Feb.	Nursery	Ushers			
7	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	See Pat Sharp to volunteer			
14	Elizabeth Sweeney & Ashtyn Sharpe				
21	Victory Sweeney & Paula Pulliam	Deacon			
28	Paula Pulliam & Ashtyn Sharpe	Ed Naff			



February Anniversaries

- 5 Bob & Lynn Davies
- 14 Ken & Debbie Parnell

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Praise Leader (Interim) Becky Adams

Deacon Chairman Mark Stout

Administrative Assistant Norma Ring

Treasurer Polly Sturgill

Assistant Treasurer Glenda Gardner

Personnel Chairman Mike Fariss

Budget Chairman Sam Sweeney

THINK YOU KNOW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH...?

Jesus First

Neighbors FIRST

Love First

That's First Baptist!

Return Service Requested